

**Lesson
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Complements: Objects of Verbs

Teaching

Action verbs often need complements called direct objects and indirect objects to complete their meaning.

A **direct object** is a word or a group of words that names the receiver of the verb's action. It answers the question *what?* or *whom?*

Gayle sent seashells from Florida. (*What* did Gayle send? Seashells)

An **indirect object** is a word or group of words that tells *to what, or whom, or for whom* an action is done. The indirect object usually comes between the verb and the direct object. Verbs that are often followed by an indirect object include *ask, bring, give, hand, lend, make, offer, send, show, teach, tell, and write*.

Gayle brought Tina seashells from Florida. (*For whom* did Gayle bring the seashells? Tina)

Recognizing Objects of Verbs

In each sentence, if the underlined word is a direct object, write **DO** on the line. If it is an indirect object, write **IO**.

EXAMPLE The diver found a shipwreck. DO

1. The U.S. basketball team won the gold medal. _____
2. The Maxwells offered Cher a glass of lemonade. _____
3. France sold Louisiana to the United States. _____
4. Please send me the latest issue of your magazine. _____
5. Our school sponsored a carnival last spring. _____
6. We hung a wreath on our door. _____
7. The principal awarded the co-captains the trophy. _____
8. Lydia gave Michelle some good advice. _____
9. Pat got a digital watch for his birthday. _____
10. Marta made us a Mexican dinner. _____
11. The messenger handed Mr. Bronson a sealed envelope. _____
12. I carefully answered every question on the test. _____
13. The opera fans gave the singer long-stemmed roses. _____
14. Arnita telephoned Mia last night. _____
15. Lauren mailed her friends postcards from Canada. _____

Complements: Objects of Verbs*More Practice***A. Identifying Objects of Verbs**

Identify the function of the boldfaced word in each sentence below. Write **DO** for direct object and **IO** for indirect object. If the word is not the direct object or the indirect object, write **N**.

1. A hurricane is a powerful, swirling **storm**. _____
2. Meteorologists watched a big **storm** carefully. _____
3. Newscasters gave their **listeners** warnings about the hurricane. _____
4. The hurricane struck **land** in the morning. _____
5. The hurricane winds swirled around the eye of the **storm**. _____
6. The hurricane caused huge **waves**. _____
7. The waves produced widespread **floods**. _____
8. The floodwaters destroyed many people's **property**. _____
9. Television newscasts showed their **audiences** pictures of the storm. _____
10. Volunteers sent the hurricane **victims** emergency supplies. _____

B. Using Indirect Objects

Underline the direct object in each sentence below. Then rewrite each sentence, adding an indirect object. Use a different indirect object for every sentence.

1. The mayor gave a medal for bravery.

2. Adam cooked supper.

3. Amber bought a birthday gift.

4. The salesperson showed a new style of camera.

5. The juggler showed some tricks.

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Choose one word from each list below to complete each sentence. Use each word only once. Each sentence should have both an indirect object and a direct object. If you wish, you can add words to make the sentences more interesting.

Use as indirect object

the cooks
the receiver
her sick grandmother
their guests
the winners
its customers
the candidate
the students

Use as direct object

their trophies
a question
their test papers
his beef stew recipe
a discount
cheese and crackers
a pass
a get-well card

1. The quarterback threw _____.
2. The reporter asked _____.
3. The gymnastics judge awarded _____.
4. Mrs. Ryan handed _____.
5. The famous chef gave _____.
6. The store offered _____.
7. Jean sent _____.
8. The Reynolds served _____.

B. Writing Sentences with Objects of Verbs

Complete each sentence with a direct and an indirect object. Use a different direct and indirect object in every sentence.

EXAMPLE The chef made her customers a lemon pie.

1. Our grandmother sent _____.
2. The gardener gave _____.
3. The delivery person brought _____.
4. The basketball player handed _____.
5. The judge told _____.